

## **“So, you want to run for Council?” April 9<sup>th</sup> 2022 Presentation Question/Answer Period**

**Q:** what issues would be if someone running for council had relatives working for the Corporation and if they held union positions?

**A:** *Good question and one that needs to be researched before filing nomination papers. Here are some thoughts –*

- *Get a copy of the MCIA handbook from Municipal World. Read it thru*
- *Get legal advice from a lawyer specializing in municipal law. There will be things to consider and knowing what care is needed in advance.*
- *If elected, request in writing an opinion from the Integrity Commissioner.*

**Q:** Often it is mandated that members of Council sit Boards for NFP's and other institutions within the Municipality, presumably when those Boards meet there is "inside information" discussed that might not align with the needs of the City. How do Council members deal with that? Examples: Adsab, ELRL the knowledge is more often not pecuniary, so is there a declaration of conflict to be made by Council members sitting those BoD's if the business has something in front of Council like zoning or other?

**A:** *This is not an easy question to answer. First, I don't know what the acronyms stand for. To answer would require the relationship between the municipality and the various agencies. Generally confidential matters of a body remain confidential unless the body authorizes disclosure. I can't be more specific than that. In addition from the Clerks office in Elliot Lake, if a Council member is appointed by Council to sit on an outside board, and that outside board brings information to Council (in open or closed), they are allowed to participate in the conversation. If a Council member sits on a board as a community member (or member of the public) and is not there as a Councillor, and that board brings something forward to Council in open or closed that Council member must declare a conflict of interest.*